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Please address all comments and inquiries to:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District
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This notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) Permit, subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act:

APPLICANT: The Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources
Stream and Wetland In-Lieu Fee Program
#1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

LOCATION: On Eagle Creek, unnamed intermittent and ephemeral
tributaries and adjacent wetlands located on the
Higginson-Henry Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Union
County, Kentucky.

Latitude: 37.6384 W
Longitude: -87.9096 N
7.5 Minute Quad: Morganfield

PURPOSE: To provide aquatic habitat restoration, establishment
and enhancement activities.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The Eagle Creek Tributary Stream and Wetland Mitigation Project would enhance approximately 2,452 linear feet of intermittent and 5,670 linear feet of ephemeral streams and re-establish approximately 5,465 linear feet of perennial and 3,623 linear feet of intermittent streams. The proposal also includes the enhancement of approximately 0.62 acre and the re-establishment of approximately 22.20 acres of wetlands.

The project would involve the discharge of fill material into "waters of the United States (U.S.)" associated with the enhancement and re-establishment activities, including filling approximately 3,045 linear feet of perennial, intermittent and ephemeral streams, and 0.01 acre of wetland.

The project would result in an estimated net gain of 15,926 stream and 22.30 wetland Adjusted Mitigation Units (AMUs). The project would be

implemented on the Higginson-Henry WMA and would be permanently protected by deed restriction.

AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND MITIGATION MEASURES: The goal of the Eagle Creek Tributary Stream and Wetland Mitigation Project is to implement aquatic habitat restoration in the Green River Service Area to compensate for impacts authorized in association with DA Section 404 permits. This project would provide consolidated compensatory mitigation associated with an approved In-Lieu Fee Instrument. The project was designed to avoid and minimize on-site impacts to "waters of the U.S." to the greatest extent practicable. No additional mitigation would be required to compensate for the project, as the project would result in a net increase in aquatic resource functions and services.

REVIEW PROCEDURES: A DA Permit cannot be issued if any legally required Federal, State, or local authorization or certification is denied. A DA permit, if otherwise warranted, will not be issued until a State of Kentucky Water Quality Certification or waiver is on file at this office. In order to comply with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, the applicant must apply for State certification from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet Division of Water (KDOW).

Copies of this notice are sent to the appropriate Federal and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Their views and comments are solicited in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1956. Based on available information, the proposed activity will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act, and therefore, initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. A request for a public hearing must state the specific interest which might be damaged by issuance of the DA Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been examined, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the Register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

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The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetic values, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the public. In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines (40 CFR Part 230) promulgated by the Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the CWA.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. It is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Written statements received in this office on or before the closing date will become a part of the official record and will be considered in the determination on this permit request. Any objections which are received during this period will be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

Information pertaining to this application is available for public examination during normal business hours upon prior request. Drawings are available on Louisville District's Internet site at <http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>. All comments regarding this proposal should be addressed to Dr. Patricia A. Grace-Jarrett, CELRL-OP-FS at the address noted above and should refer to the Public Notice Number LRL-2012-716-pgj.

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Figure 1. Tributary of Eagle Creek Stream/Wetland Mitigation Project - Higginson-Henry WMA
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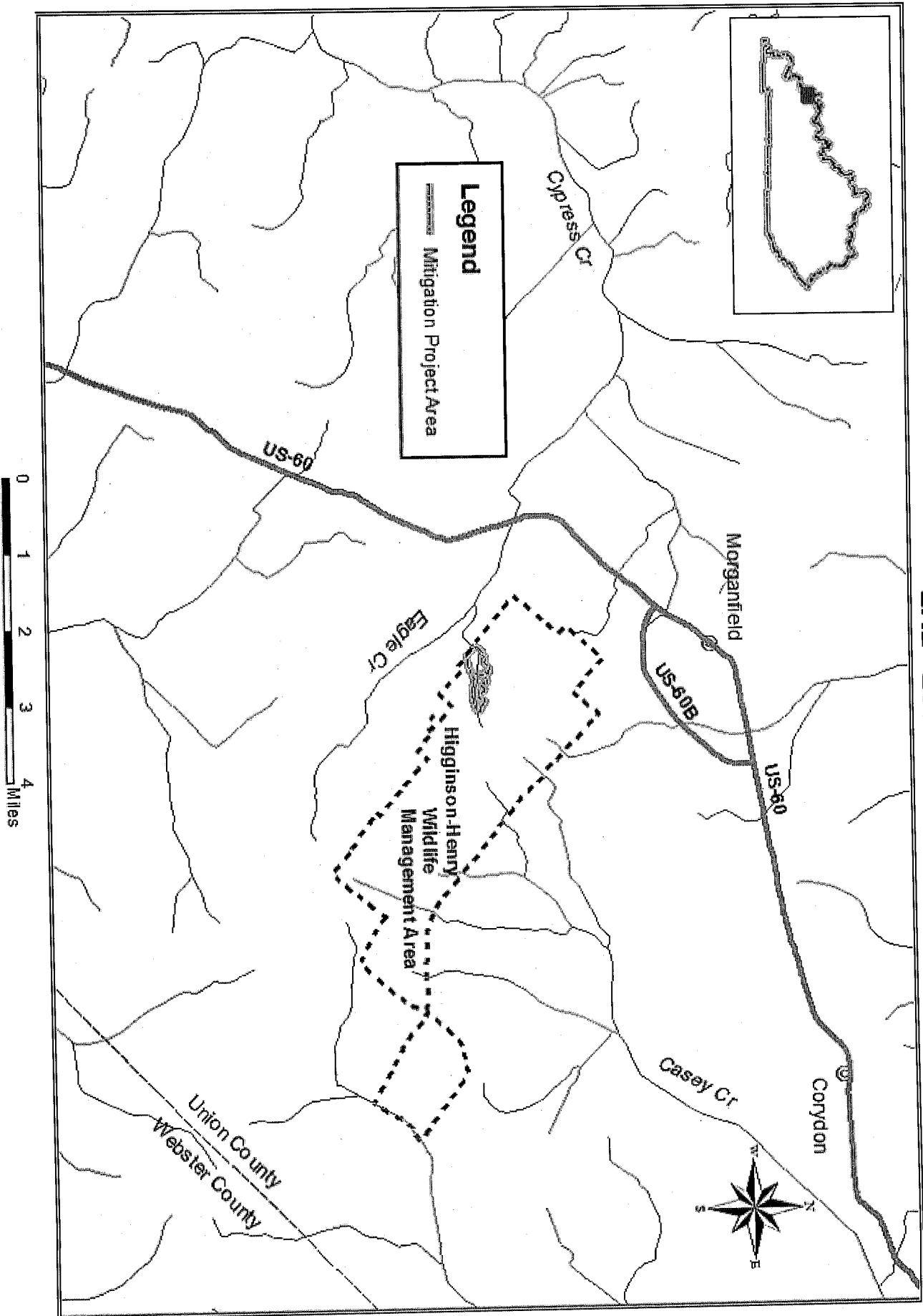


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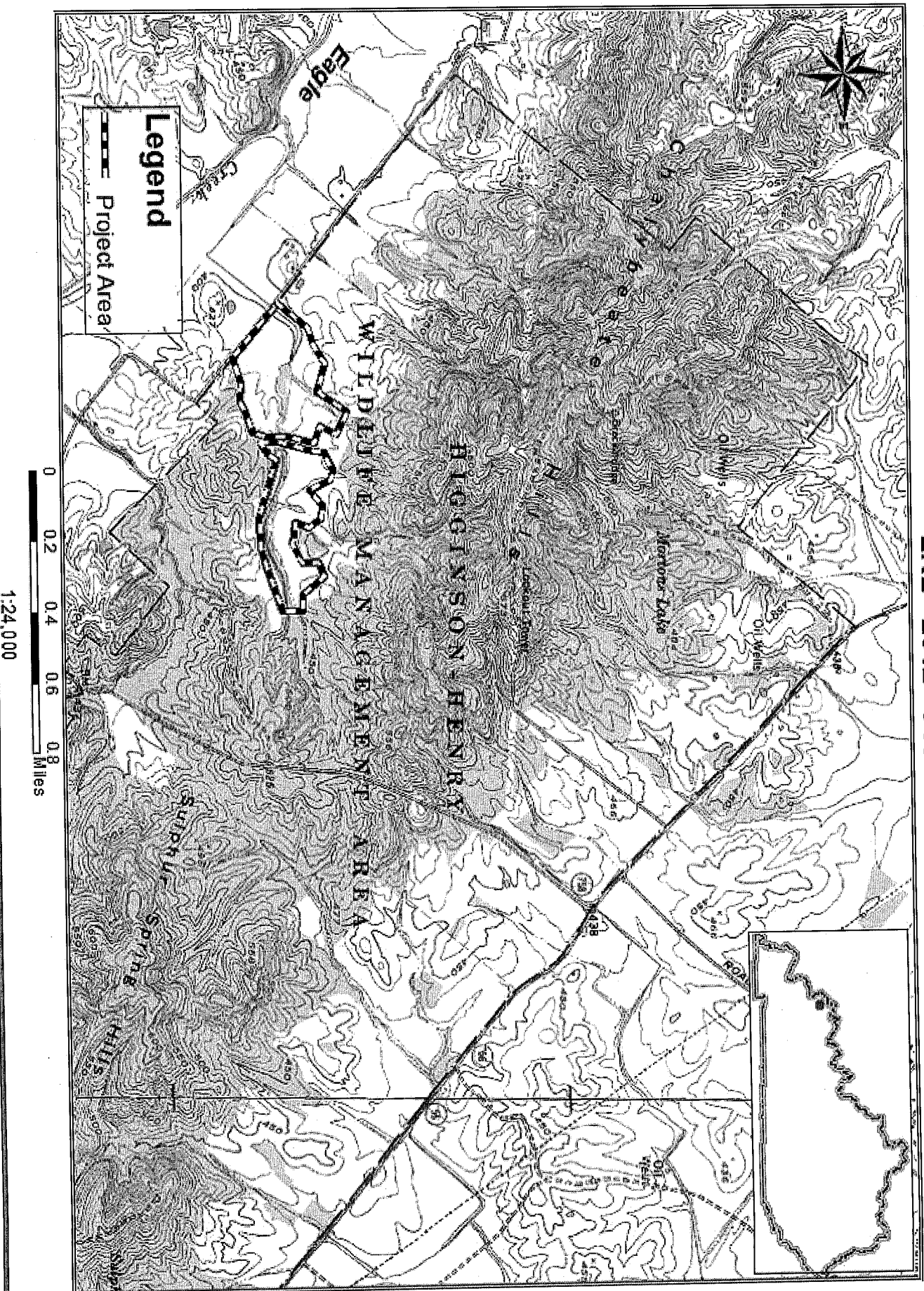
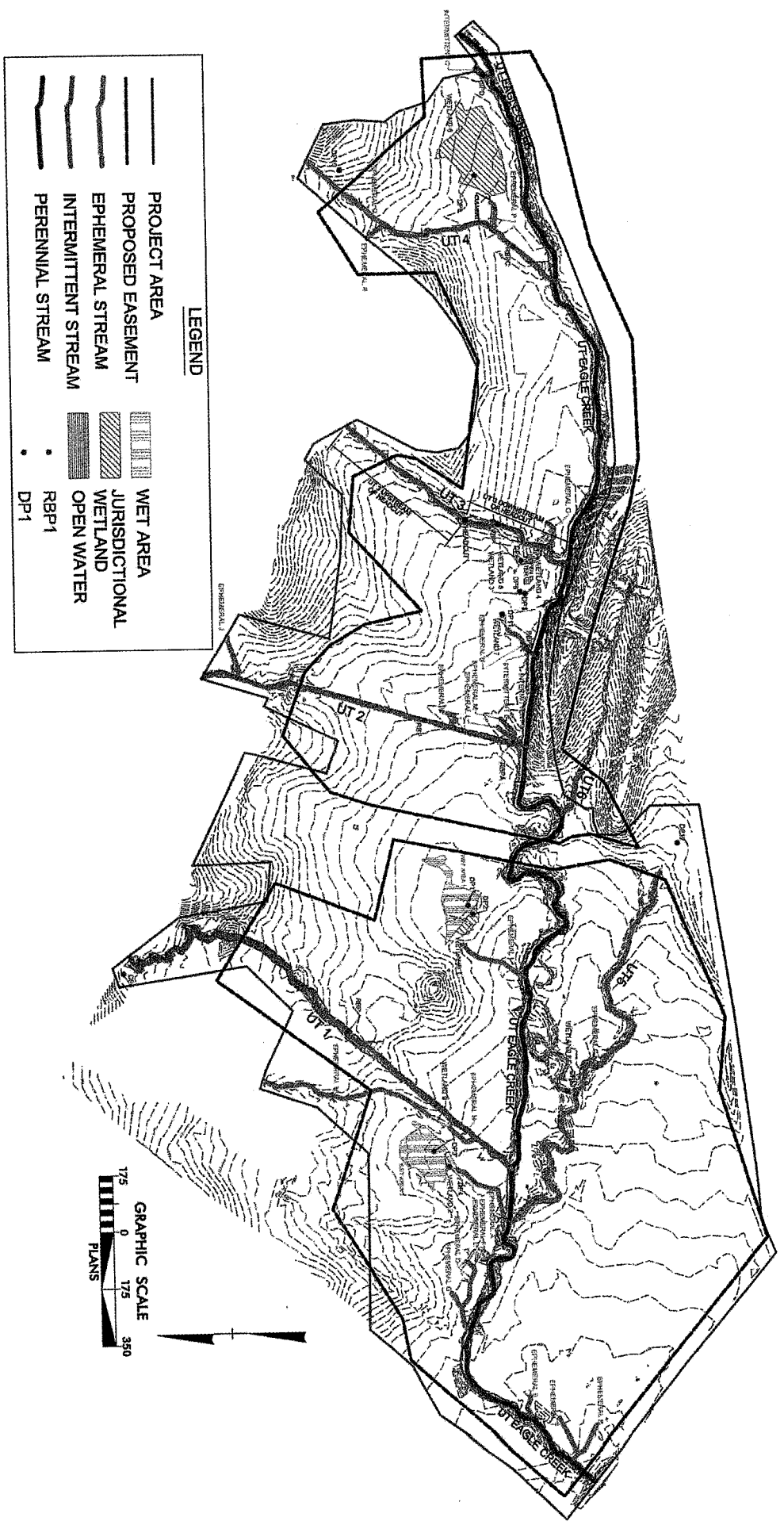


Figure 3. Existing Condition
Tributary to Eagle Creek Mitigation Project
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